

In re Application of Howard C. Willauer
Application No. 10/621,827

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A material comprising a base web portion and a plurality of pile yarns having a lower portion which is a first color and an upper portion which is a second color, said second color being visually distinct from said first color, wherein a first plurality of said pile yarns extends from said base web portion at a first position, and a second plurality of said pile yarns extends from said base web portion at a second position, and said second position is different from said first angle position such that the first color is exposed where said first plurality of pile yarns is adjacent to said second plurality of pile yarns, wherein said first plurality of pile yarns and said second plurality of pile yarns define a pattern, and wherein said pattern is durable.

22. (Original) The material according to Claim 21, wherein said base web portion is made from the group consisting of knit fabrics, woven fabrics, nonwoven fabrics and films.

23. (Original) The material according to Claim 21, wherein said pile yarns are integrally formed with the base web portion.

24. (Original) The material according to Claim 21, wherein said pile yarns are formed by a method selected from the group consisting of integral pile formation, napping, tufting, sanding, flocking and adhesive pile application.

25. (Original) The material according to Claim 21, wherein at least some of said pile yarns comprise thermoplastic fibers.

26. (Original) The material according to Claim 21, wherein substantially all of said pile yarns comprise thermoplastic fibers.

27. (Currently Amended) The material according to Claim 21, wherein the first position is a first lateral position, the second position is a second lateral position,

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and the difference between said first lateral position and said second lateral position is at least about 30 degrees.

28. (Currently Amended) The material according to Claim [[21]] 27, wherein the difference between said first lateral position and said second lateral position is at least about 60 degrees.

29. (Currently Amended) The material according to Claim [[21]] 28, wherein the difference between said first lateral position and said second lateral position is at least about 90 degrees.

30. (Original) The material according to Claim 21, wherein the first position and second position are different in either the angle direction, the lateral direction, or a combination thereof.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A textile fabric having a unique visual appearance comprising:

a base web portion;

a plurality of pile yarns extending outwardly from the base web portion, and defining a first region of pile yarns extending outwardly from the base web portion at a first position and a second region of pile yarns adjacent to said first region, with the pile yarns of the second region extending outwardly from the base web portion at a second position, with said second position being either at a different angle or a different lateral position from said first position, wherein at least a plurality of said pile yarns have lower portions proximate to said base web portion that are a first color, and upper portions remote from said base web portion that are a second color, with said first color being visually distinct from said second color

wherein said first and second regions of pile yarns define a pattern on said fabric, and said pattern is durable.

33. (Canceled)

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34. (Original) The fabric according to Claim 32, wherein said fabric is selected from the group consisting of woven, knit and nonwoven fabrics.

35. (Original) The fabric according to Claim 32, wherein at least a plurality of said pile yarns comprise thermoplastic material.

36. (Original) The fabric according to Claim 32, wherein the lower portions of at least some of said pile yarns are exposed where said first region is adjacent to said second region.

37-46. (Canceled)